

The idea of the consolidation of television station ownership is frightening. In a country that claims to value free speech, we are about to enter dangerous territory. There is NO way that the loosening of restrictions can lead to a more diverse public forum. If we allow one company to achieve a monopoly of broadcast, we risk building a climate of manipulation that will rival the sort of dictatorships that the American public is so much against. The most dangerous aspect of media dominance by a single corporate entity is that such an entity would be wholly unaccountable to the American public. We could neither vote company leaders out, nor could we exercise our choice by boycott (since there would be no other viable information outlets).